(c) As per procedure, the draft policy has been made available to the members of the public through the Ministry's website and copies of the said policy have also been sent to the Central Ministers, Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India, State Governments, UT Administrations, academicians, anthorpoligists, social activists, experts working for the welfare of tribal people and other stakeholders for their comments and suggestions, which are required for finalization of the policy. No time-frame for implementation can be provided at this stage.

Restrictions on Scheduled Tribes on leasing or mortgaging property

2556. SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have restricted the land and building of Scheduled Tribes from leasing out or mortgaging to the Bank/PSU companies for business, higher education and housing loan purposes for their upliftment;

(b) if so, whether this restriction is made throughout the country or for some State only, if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, whether Government have any plan to remove this restriction for upliftment of the Scheduled Tribes; and

(d) the time-frame Government require to remove this restriction?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) Land and its management is a State subject. Therefore, any restriction on leasing out or mortgaging of the land and building of Scheduled Tribes is a matter which falls within the jurisdiction of the respective State Governments.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Jobs for tribals in the country

2557. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any studies have been conducted to find out whether tribal from Central India, such as Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Orissa and Madhya

Pradesh get jobs in Government and Public Sector Undertakings proportionately to their numbers or percentages of tribals in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last five years, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is a fact that maximum and better jobs go to tribals of Rajasthan who are well off in life compared to the tribals of above mentioned States?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (d) No. Sir. The Government has not conducted any study as referred to in the question, nor does the Government maintain State-wise information about the Scheduled Tribe candidates appointed in the services under the Government of India and Public Sector Undertakings.

Tribals deployed for construction work in various industries

†2558. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of the fact that a large number of tribal people are deployed for the construction work of various industries in the country and most of them are treated as daily wage earners;

(b) whether his Ministry is also aware of the fact that they have to face a lot of inconvenience in respect of the their residence, health and education of their children; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government, so far, in order to address the problems of this class of tribal society?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (c) There are no estimates regarding the number of tribal people deployed for the construction work of various industries in the country. However, the National Sample Survey (1999-2000) has estimated that there are about 17.62 million building and other construction workers, including tribals. The workers are basically unskilled, migrant, socially backward, uneducated.

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